through it once in so often, don't y'know!" While the occasional gatherings at the officers' mess (where the major always asked Mrs. Hopkinson, the popular wife of the American consul, to preside) were characterized by that delightful atmosphere of cordinated the sand informality which made alky and informality which made every one feel perfectly at home and at case. Now it was at one of these that the major, a bachelor to be sure, but by no means an "old" or "impossible" one, turned to Miss Julia Underwood (a charming young American derwood (a charming young American artist whom Mrs. Hopkinson was entertaining at the consulate) and asked: "Well, and how is that painting of the peak getting on? It surely must be finished by this time, is it

"Not uite yet, major," she answer-ed; "you see, the weather for the last few days has been very much against me. Just as I get ready to do the summit and the signal station and all that, why some wretched cloud comes along and just blots out all the view and so I have to wait for another

"I dare say you've seen those daubs that old Ching Wing—the 'marine artist as he calls himself—has for sale in his old shop down by the wharf,

in his old shop down by the wharf, haven't you? Quite a royal gallery in its way, that."

TWhy, yes, I went down there only a day or two ago. I shouldn't call them all 'daubs,' though; some of them are really quite tolerable works of art, especially the junks and the sampans and the full-rigged ships gayly sailing along under full canvas. He's a genius in his way."

"Yes, all but the perspective. The ships and the houses and the moun-

You know, as Jimmie Brownlow, my deputy, says, 'what's queer with us is all right with them; and what's queer with them is all right with us." I'm not referring now to our nas particular time. There seems -a-suspicious uneasiness I might call it, for want of a better termhave since noticed it among all my servants and attaches. You haven't

being posted up or anything of that kind, have you?"
"Fot a sign of anything, your ex-cellency, but I will make immediate inquiries from the native force." "You have no report of any trouble with tourists or anything in the sur-rounding country, have you? No sailors' fights along the water front that might have stirred up the junkmen or "Not a report of anything at head-

"Of course, it may be only a mat-ter of their own religious supersti-tions and not anything that would involve the Europeans, but at the same on board or ashore?" asked Mrs. Hoplast match was gone and that it time one doesn't like these low mutterings that seem to indicate an appropriate the same on board or ashore?" asked Mrs. Hoplast match was gone and that it would be impossible for them to light a free? Note of the party had the lightest idea.

"Well, just to mention one fact "Quite right you are!" chimed in which came to Lady Beecham's notice Maj. Darlington, who really didn't care a straw now whether the clouds

Government House, have you, sir." food while they're all looking on."
"The pilot says that that solitary fhink there's trouble right here in Government House, have you, sir."
"None whatever. Our servants never have seemed more harmonious since we came to the east. Besides, I have word from no less than three miles away, "hasn't a living human being on it. What do you say to that?"



ence to those who had the good for-tune to be included in the invitation. The day was perfect and the sea as smooth as a mirror. Having made a affect-him so mysteriously? very early start, they were able to very early start, they were able to to the consul's questions: "I take quite a cruise among the islands velly bad joss, velly bad joss," in the direction of Macao and found themselves many miles away from the colony when the hour for lunching a wilden by the colony when the hour for lunching arrived. "Now, shall we have it lieved when they discovered that the "Oh, on shore, by all means," cried a fire?

proaching storm."

"May I ask if you have noticed anything special in their actions, sir, that we could take ahold of?"

"Oh. on shore, by all means," cried Miss Underwood, "that is, if we can find a quiet spot where there won't be a rabble of native children around us."

unexpectedly to visit the servants' settled on the peak or not, as long quarters, she found every one of them had his trunk packed and his bedding rolled up in the matting ready for an instant departure."

"Ah! That's a most remarkable thing! You haven't any reason to think there's trouble right here in food while they're all looking on."

"How comes it the sture is the sture in the cars of so many of the people?"

"There is but one answer," said the abbot slowly, leaning over and pointing the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being to the sacred should fire promotion of the art of amateur between the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters on the page; "Its about slowly being the characters of the surface."

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the mysteries of heaven and earth. It contains an account of the earth-quake which destroyed Hongkong over three hundred years ago—"

"Ah! I have heard faint rumors of that—"

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Analostan Island is the resort of various reptiles. We found the nest of the terrapin, or concentric tortoise, or fresh-water turtle, in the garden at a distance of about thirty feet from the water, containing nineteen are laid. sever- have seches and the sast. Besides, I to an appare man't a living numeral secondation of things exist the first the things of the sast of the sa

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"Johnny Jones, you know, was studying botany, and he declared that he had an infallible way to tell the

toadstools.
"When you git vi'lent spasms."